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No. 525. Read the following Circular from the Government of India, Public Works Department, (Accountant-General,) dated Simla, 6th July 1871, No. 32 :—

Tests for the lower grades of the Control Establishment of Accounts.

Read the following :—

NOTE by Lieutenant-Colonel J. J. McLEOD INNES, R. E., Accountant-General, Public Works Department, on the Tests for the lower grades of the Control Establishment of Accounts, dated 15th June 1871.

THE Assistant Controllers of the Establishment are a comparatively new class, which was introduced about three years ago, to satisfy sundry recognized wants of the department. These chiefly lay in the difficulty of filling up, not so much permanently as temporarily, vacancies in the class of Deputies. When the first Assistants were appointed, no tests or examinations were prescribed. But the expediency of instituting them, in order to ensure suitable qualifications, was soon recognized, and the test was laid down as it now stands, namely :—

1st.—For entrance, either three years' approved work in a responsible position in a mercantile or banking house, or the examination laid down for 2nd Grade Accountants, excepting the subject of departmental accounts.

2nd.—For promotion to the 1st grade, the examination in departmental accounts omitted at entrance.

I think, however, that this test ought to be modified, and that the time has arrived for modifying it. The reason that it should be modified is that the test for 1st Grade Assistant Controller is really no higher than that for 2nd Grade Accountant, all test being omitted on the real point which forms the ground for the formation of the class of Assistant Controller, namely, that they should be men of superior education and general qualifications to what is requisite for Accountants.

My opinion, then, is that the entrance examination should embrace subjects not required for the examination for 2nd Grade Accountants, and that the marks to be attained in the subjects common to both examinations should be higher for the Assistant Controller examination than for the 2nd Grade Accountant. The subjects and tests at present prescribed are—

	Full marks.	Test marks.
1. Writing and Dictation	150	75
2. Arithmetic, Mensuration, and Logarithms	250	125
3. Composition	200	100
4. Book-keeping, and P. W. Procedure	400	200
Total ...	1,000	700
Total for Assistant Controller, excluding subject No. 4 ...	600	450

I propose that, for confirmation as Assistant Controllers, candidates should be subject to examination in Algebra and Geometry, besides the above subjects, and that the full marks and the numbers to be gained to pass should be as follows :—

	Full marks.	Test marks.
1. Writing and Dictation	150	120
2. Arithmetic, Mensuration, and Logarithms	250	150
3. Composition	200	150
4. Algebra	200	120
5. Geometry	200	120
Total ...	1,000	750

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By this arrangement, besides knowledge of the further subjects of an ordinary liberal education, a much higher standard is required in matters relating to book-keeping, and treatment of cases than is obligatory for 2nd Grade Accountants.

The Government would reserve the right to remit the necessity for this examination in the case either of an examination of as high a standard having been passed elsewhere, or of a term of approved responsible work in analogous situations.

The examination in departmental accounts and procedure would still be requisite in all cases for promotion to 1st grade.

These rules should, I think, apply to all candidates not already on probation, and to all cases of unpassed Assistants after the close of 1871-72.

RESOLUTION.—The Governor-General in Council approves of the proposal contained in the foregoing note, and is accordingly pleased to direct that the following modification be made in the Public Works Code:—

Chapter II., Section V., for paragraph 1, substitute—

Assistant Controllers will be selected from candidates who must pass an examination conducted under the orders of the Accountant-General, Public Works Department, the subjects of which and the marks assigned to them are as follow:—

	Full marks.	Minimum required to pass.
Writing and Dictation	150	120
Composition	200	150
Arithmetic, Mensuration, and Logarithms	250	150
Algebra	200	120
Geometry	200	120
Total... ..	1,000	750

The Government of India, however, reserves to itself the right to dispense with this examination in the case either of an examination of as high a standard having been passed elsewhere, or of a term of approved responsible work in analogous situations. A further examination in Book-keeping and departmental accounts must in every case be undergone before promotion to Assistant Controller, 1st Grade.

Governments of Madras, Bombay, Bengal, North Western Provinces, and the Punjab.
Chief Commissioners of the Central Provinces, Oudh, British Burmah, and Mysore and Coorg.
Resident at Hyderabad.
Governor-General, Agents for Central India and Rajpootana.
Superintendent of Port Blair and the Nicobars.

ORDER.—Ordered that this Resolution be communicated to the Local Governments and Administrations noted in the margin, for information and guidance.
(Signed) C. H. DICKENS, Colonel, R.A.,
Secy. to the Govt. of India.

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ORDER THEREON, 31st July 1871, No. 2,004.

ACCOUNT, No. 47.

COMMUNICATED to the undermentioned officers:—

Consulting Engineer for Railways.
Superintending Engineers.

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Public Works Department,
1.

Controller of Public Works Accounts.
Major R. B. Kennedy.
(True E. Kennedy.)

Captain, R.E.,
Under Secretary to Government.

To the Acting Consulting Engineer for Railways.
To Superintending Engineers.
To the Controller of Public Works Accounts.
To Major R. B. Kennedy.

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PUBLIC WORKS DEPARTMENT.

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